

Dec 1872

HMS Challenger left Portsmouth
England. Its objectives were
scientific

John Murray, one of the 5 scientists
aboard spent the remainder of the
of the century compiling a 50-volume
report on the expedition results
they found abundant life below
1,800 ft level. They discovered

a great range of undersea mountains
running down the middle of the
Atlantic Ocean.

2 yrs later their soundings revealed
a Chasm in the Western Pacific more
than 5 mi deep (part of tectonics)